In the United States Court of Federal Claims

NOV 1 8 2005 ACCEPTANCE INSURANCE COMPANIES, INC., U.S. COURT OF No. 03-2794C Plaintiff, Filed: November 18, 2005 v. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Defendant's Reply to Plaintiff's Response

ORDER

The parties met with the court on November 17, 2005 for a status conference. Counsel jointly proposed a schedule for expert discovery and briefing. The court adopts the following pretrial dates the parties set forth at the conference.

EXPERT DISCOVERY

April 3, 2006

Defendant.

December 2, 2005 Plaintiff's expert reports due. January 10, 2005 Defendant's expert reports due. January 18, 2006 Complete depositions of plaintiff's and defendant's expert witnesses. PRETRIAL BRIEFING January 24, 2006 Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment due. March 3, 2006 Plaintiff's Response to Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment and any crossmotion by plaintiff due.

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April 17, 2006

Plaintiff's reply to defendant's response to any cross-motion due.

The court will set dates for trial and any additional pretrial matters after briefing has been completed.

Robert H. Hodges,

Judge